

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 469

By Herron

### A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kayla Hudson, 2007 Valedictorian of Gleason School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Hudson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Gleason School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Hudson has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Kayla has earned an exemplary grade point average, while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including service as an officer in FCA, FBLA, the G Club, and the Science Club; she has also been a member of the Leadership Weakley County team at her school and was selected as a delegate to Volunteer Girls State; and

WHEREAS, highly esteemed as a leader among her peers, Kayla Hudson has been an active member of the Student Council and currently holds the post of School Reporter; she has served her fellow students as Class President for two years and is presently Vice-President of her Senior Class; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous honors and accolades; she is a member of the National Honor Roll, a TSAA Student Athlete of Merit, a two-time Delta Kappa Gamma essay winner, a contributing author for *On the Ball* magazine, has won both county-wide and regional science fairs on two

occasions, and has represented her school at Foreign Language Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hudson is also an avid sports enthusiast and student athlete and has been actively involved in the Lady Bulldogs basketball program for many years; she is a four-time All-District, All-Region, and All-West Tennessee selection, in addition to being voted All-State for three years; and

WHEREAS, as a senior, Kayla was named Class A Miss Basketball, MVP of the State Tournament, and was selected to play in the East/West All Star Game in Nashville; moreover, *The Jackson Sun* named her West Tennessee's Player of the Year, and she was a state finalist in the coveted Wendy's Heisman Award; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Kayla Hudson was voted Miss Gleason High School, served as homecoming representative, was a member of the Miss Gleason Royalty for two years, and has been recognized in *Who's Who* as Most Athletic; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hudson also lends her time and considerable talents to First United Methodist Church, where she is active in the youth group; her community involvement includes helping with the community's live-alone dinner each Christmas, participating in the benefit walk for Tucker Wells, and the St. Jude Rock-a-Thon, serving as a guest speaker for the Daisy Girl Scouts, and helping with the Pee-Wee basketball program at her school; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Hudson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success as a student at Union University, which she will attend on a full basketball scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Kayla's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Larry and Kay Hudson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Hudson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Kayla Hudson, 2007 Gleason School

Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.